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Letter dated 14 March 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am attaching herewith a letter addressed to you, in your capacity as the President of the Security Council, from Ambassador Berhane Gebre-Christos, acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (see annex).

In this regard, I have the honour to request that the present letter and the annex thereto be circulated as a document of the Security Council

(*Signed*) Tekeda **Alemu**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Ethiopia

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As you are well aware, the Security Council has been closely following Eritrea's destructive role in undermining peace and security in our subregion. In this regard, you will recall that, recently, the Council adopted resolution 2023 (2011), which imposed additional sanctions on Eritrea for its destabilizing activities in our subregion.

Unfortunately, Eritrea has continued its reckless acts in flagrant violation of all relevant Security Council resolutions. The terrorist attack against a group of 27 tourists travelling in the Afar Regional State of Ethiopia on 16 January 2012 is indeed a clear indication that the regime in Asmara is determined to pursue its destructive role in utter disregard of international law and norms.

As all peace-loving countries would agree, Eritrea should not be allowed to continue to undermine the peace and security of our subregion with impunity. In spite of the efforts of the international community, it is regrettable that so far it has not been possible to coerce Eritrea to fully comply with the relevant resolutions and desist from its destabilizing activities. Therefore, Ethiopia calls upon the Security Council to do everything possible to ensure that those resolutions are fully implemented. Meanwhile, Ethiopia reserves its right of self-defence in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

(*Signed*) Berhane **Gebre-Christos**
Ambassador
Acting Minister